

**Governor's Commission for a Drug-Free Indiana**  
**March 15, 2006**  
**Minutes**

Commission members in attendance: John von Arx, Steve Camilleri, Sheriff Mark Frisbie, Bill McCormick, Jeff Barber, Senator Dennis Kruse, Dr. Wyatt Mullinax, Representative Vernon Smith

Commission members absent: Dr. Tim Kelly, Mike Cunegin, Don Parker, James Lyons, Steve Clouse, Andrea Marshall, Paula Parker-Sawyers, Melissa Long, Ryan McCann, Senator Earline Rogers, Representative Luke Messer

Indiana Criminal Justice Institute staff in attendance: Sonya Cleveland, Steve King, Amanda Thornton, David Stewart

Community Consultants in attendance: Jen Bushore, Lin Montgomery, Maggie Lewis

Others in attendance: Kimberly Maxwell, Sandy Thiebe, Mara Reardon

Special Guest in attendance: Colleen Copple

Meeting was called to order at 10:16 a.m. by Chairman John von Arx.

**I. Welcome/Announcements**

Chairman von Arx shared that both Heather Bolejack and Paula Parker-Sawyers had deaths in the family.

Colleen Copple, will be our presenter updating the Commission on the progress and status of the Meth Free Indiana Strategic Plan.

Chairman von Arx provided Senator Kruse an opportunity to share anything from legislative session. He thanked him for his work.

Sonya introduced David Stewart as the new legal counsel for the Governor's Commission for a Drug-Free Indiana.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

The approval of minutes was tabled until the April meeting due to lack of quorum.

**III. Committee Reports**

**Meth Free Indiana**

Colleen reviewed the progress since the January meeting. She shared the draft action plan. She went through a PowerPoint presentation on the role of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, Governor's Commission, Meth Watch, Meth Free Indiana Coalition, etc. The hope is that the work around meth will help us work better on all substance problems throughout the state. We are using meth as a way to gain some ground to do better overall.

There was some discussion on SPF-SIG and the need to work out that relationship now before the project gets started statewide.

Meth Free Indiana Coalition mission statement is to provide leadership and interagency coordination to reduce the impact of meth production, distribution, and use in the state of Indiana. Discussed the ability to expand the mission statement in the future to lead the Interagency Council on Drugs.

There are 10 working groups for Meth Free Indiana. These working groups will have action plans and will work to get information out to those who need it – Governor, LCCs, Commission, etc. There is some overlap with the Meth Free Indiana and the Commission. There will be efforts to make sure we are working together. This is why John is the chair of both the Commission and Meth Free Indiana.

Colleen led the group through brainstorming on what are the core elements of the work.

Diversity of background of representation around the table – experience and knowledge

Holistic understanding

Dissemination of good ideas – key learnings

Opportunity to build capacity

Influence on changing the paradigm in our discipline

Balance of public/private sector

Legislative influence

Influencing key stockholders

Treatment and jail (sheriff's) – DOC

Urban prevention issues

Training – law enforcement separate

Advocate for **cross sector training** – local/county/state (Meth Watch is an example)

Cause and effect – unintended consequences; alternative sentencing (treatment)

General training common

Role to understand capacity required to comply with requirements

More intentional about the Commission mission – role

Local mechanisms

Building local collaboration

Colleen would like to see this group work to take this list generated and map out the steps that the Commission wants to make over the next 2 – 4 years. She thinks that we can capitalize our assets and take the Commission to a new level. Colleen will put this information together for the Commission.

### **Policy/Operations**

Bill shared that the committee met a week ago and they reviewed 7 Comprehensive Community Plans. None of those plans were approved because they were lacking data. The counties will be sent a letter requesting them to update data and resubmit the plan in 45 days. The committee also granted a 30 day extension on the Vermillion County plan. Vermillion County is in the process of hiring a new Coordinator and needed some additional time to complete the plan update. Marion County also requested another extension. They had already had a 30 day extension. That request was denied. The sub-committee decided to meet every other month and conduct conference calls in the off months.

There was a discussion on getting Commission members to meet with LCCs. Sonya will work with Community Consultants to have either regional meetings with Commission or a statewide meeting of LCCs and Commission. Chairman von Arx shared that the Commission does need to work to communicate on a regular basis our activities help to alleviate rumors about the Commission wanting to remove LCCs from their position. The Commission also needs to put something in place to officially recognize the current LCCs. Dave Stewart will assist with development of an official letter from the Commission.

**Legislation**

Senator Kruse shared about bills that passed this session HB 1249, HB 1049, and SB1250. We need to get someone to work on our bills like some of the Governor's staff did on other bills this year.

**Youth**

The Criminal Justice Institute has hired a new Youth Program Manager, Tyrell Giles. Jen shared there will be some exciting new ideas coming to Point of Youth in the next few months. Jen will be working with Tyrell, Sonya and Andie to figure out what information is needed from Community Consultants on youth programs locally. This will hopefully make it easier to know what is going on statewide with youth programs.

**Communications**

No report for committee.

**SPF-SIG (Strategic Prevention Framework – State Incentive Grant)**

They continue to work to make the project as successful as possible.

**Strategic Planning**

No report for committee.

Meeting adjourned at 1:14 p.m.